

**2009 Canadian J/24 Annual Meeting
Conference Call
Monday, December 14 @ 8:00 EST**

Attendance: K. Nicoll, T. Irving, J. MacDonald, L. Chapman, D. Robertson, D. Cobbett, M. Kuiper, M. Kenny, L. Grant, K. Riley, N. Mabboux, J. Levac

2008 Minutes Approved D. Cobbett –passed as well as business arising out of 2008 AGM minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Royalties and membership was down, but we moved more out of the hole. Added funding of \$1,000 per boat and up to \$3,000 for boats to attend who weren't hosting the regatta, but no one used it this year. The host club would also find billets for people who travel long distances. IJCA amount down as there was no magazine this year. Holding our own in this economy.

Motion: to approve L. Chapman and seconded by J. MacDonald – motion passed.

President's report:

Thank you to all of you for a wonderful 15 year experience. Clock-weather station presented to Todd as a thank you. A great movement of youth coming up and out of high-performance boats into the class.

Event Reports:

2009 Canadians (Lee Grant): Lot of fun. Better to be late in the summer, rather than early. Great wind and sailing conditions, especially the race committee work.

Commended for their flexibility in moving the event.

2010 Canadians (Dale Robertson): NOR posted already and a volunteer roster almost filled in. Sponsorships package ready and have been solicited. Chester Race Week the week before. Hoping for 45 boats. Want to do a bid for the 2011 North Americans. Well organized. Dates: August 19-21 (Thurs-Sat to sail 11 races). Looking forward to the PanAm Games for the 2011 – would this event be a qualifier?

2009 Worlds (Lorne Chapman): Good to have Joe Mac there to help with measurement. Sailing a little grim (conditions), Venue was great, except for the winds and rain and more rain. Canadians had some moments of brilliance. 2012 it will be in Rochester.

2010 Worlds (Lorne Chapman): in Malmo, Sweden, where world council meeting was, so they reviewed the site. Good sailing, race committee, and jury. No assistance for people to come across the pond. IJCA is still working on world wide sponsors. There will be good charter boats, and they will be measured ahead of time.

District Reports:

Western: (Lorne Chapman) West is in a down cycle. Some boats sold out of fleet and are not competing. Younger, keen people interested and may be able to bring them along. Regatta in Seattle and they hope to build on that. Rebecca Tunnacliffe, who kept the fleet

together, was not as active this summer. The CJCA will make a contribution on behalf of their son who passed away this summer.

Ontario: (Matt Kenny): Lots of boat turnover, but positive with a younger group coming in. Numbers were down – with 20 as a high, which is down 5 or 6 boats. Priority is to engage new boat owners. Local brewery wants to sponsor some regattas. How can we get the guys in Nepean to come to events. J. Levec is a new J/24 owner and member of Nepean. They are inviting people down to their one-design regatta (4 boats and several others from Montreal).

Quebec: (Lee Grant): Trying to replace Cyrille, who sold his boat. If you have 3 boats you have a fleet. The Fleet captains vote in new District Governor. Three new boats have entered the fleet from outside the province. The junior sailors are moving into the fleet here also, which should build the fleet. Try to get more inactive boats involved. Katie to send out updated list of Quebec members to Lee.

Atlantic: (Dale Robertson): Growth continues. 15 regattas – 35 boats participating and more coming on. The last regatta had 20 boats. Greg Blunden has taken over as new district governor.

Election of Officers:

Slate of Dale Robertson for President, Katie Nicoll as Secretary/Treasurer, Joe MacDonald as National Measurer. Dale Robertson to run for only 2 years. Motion to approve slate by L. Grant seconded by K. Reily. Motion passed.

Other Business:

2009 Qualifying for 2010 Worlds: With Venue in Sweden, basically anyone who wants to cut a cheque can go. Can countries trade spots that they don't use for the next year? (J. Levec asked the question). We can expect to get 12 spots (we ended up with 15 spots for Anapolis)

2011 North Americans (Canadian Venue) – 2010 are in Seattle. They were in BC in 2005. Atlantic has expressed an interest to host it. PCYC, RCYC, CORK is also interested in putting in a bid. Invitations should go out for submissions to host should go out to District Governors. The Council of District Governors, secretary, treasurer, and National Measurer get votes. Format for proposals are on the IJCA website. Canadians in 2011 to the West and 2012 in Ontario.

Website support – Blair Dinsdale will take over.

Membership – shall we continue with the hats **or** should we get t-shirts – sizing is a problem

Request of funds for the Nationals: Want the Nationals special this coming year and bigger and attract attention. \$2,500 for race officials and help to contribute to the growth of the fleet. Still would like sponsorships for travel assistance. There are lots of volunteers. Local businesses are coming forward with sponsorships.

- Capital allowance fund (working capital)– to pay back over time.
- The RNSYSquadron is behind them and is putting in a lot of money.
- Setting a precedence, which may not be a good thing.
- Two revenue strings – one to yacht club and one to association (Atlantic)
- Offering cash prizes – will people travel for \$500?? These can get diluted very easily. Give away sails with logos on them?

- We have \$33,000 in the bank – isn't this a good thing to use it on. We would do this on a one time basis – see how it goes.
- Looking at a budget of \$40,000
- To make it tangible event – you must to up front with where the money is going to – what is the return – are we now a sponsor? Or is it seed money?
- Let's look for a national sponsor

Motion:

- Motion by Dale Robertson: To support the 2010 Nationals in Halifax with \$1,250.00 as a grant repaid over the next five years from the Atlantic region and \$1,250.00 as a donation to build the fleet out there. Concrete recognition to the CJCA by March 1st. Monies to go to the Race (including Jury) Committee.
- Matt Kenny Seconded and passed.

Formula for Bursaries for Districts: Work with amount of \$3,100 split up with 103 members.

-Made people aware of new website called sail-world.com – anyone can promote events and post results and pictures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m. EST
Minutes respectfully submitted
Katie Coleman Nicoll
CJCA Secretary-Treasurer